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Yungbi Jang, Senior Counsel and Mark Muschen  
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New York, NY

**RE: Failure to Restore Morris Park Avenue Street Markings**

Jang and Muschen:

On or about May 1, 2019, business leaders and residents of the community filed a lawsuit (Index Number 2603172019) asking the courts to halt the City's "road dieting" plan for Morris Park Avenue in the Bronx, over concerns that the city's plan would cause irreparable harm to the retail and business district on Morris Park Avenue.

In response, the court issued a temporary restraining order (TRO) as it considers the Department of Transportation's (DOT) proposal.

On May 3, 2019, after the court order was put in place, DOT contacted the plaintiff's counsel to discuss restoring the previous road-markings on Morris Park Avenue, and to do so immediately. Out of an urgent sense of public safety, the plaintiffs immediately agreed.

Unfortunately, seven weeks later, the DOT has not lived up to the spirit of that agreement. Due to the DOT's lack of action, each day, drivers and pedestrians that use Morris Park Avenue are and will continue to be placed in danger because of unmarked roadways.

Currently, there are missing and deteriorated pedestrian crosswalk and traffic lane markings (See attached pictures and diagram.)

Whatever the ultimate resolution by the court in this case, pedestrian crosswalk and traffic lane markings must be placed and/or restored on the 1.5 mile Morris Park Avenue corridor.

This is a gross dereliction of duty and responsibility in DOT's failure to restore the markings. DOT has created a dangerous environment and conditions for motorists and pedestrians.

Your prompt and immediate attention to this issue is urgently requested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Gjonaj".

Councilman Mark Gjonaj – District 13